

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: The Bong Naturalist Association will generously donate \$40,000 of a \$60,000 project at Richard Bong State Recreation Area.

FOR: MAY **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

The water control structure failed on the wildlife refuge at Richard Bong State Recreation Area. A \$60,000 project was approved by the Bureau of Parks and is pending approval at the April Building Commission meeting.

The Bong Naturalist Association will contribute \$40,000 of that project. The water control structure will be replaced, upland brushing done, nesting platforms installed and other habitat improvements completed.

The improvements will not only create habitat for threatened wildlife species but will re-create wildlife watching and educational opportunities for visitors.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the generous donation of \$40,000 from the Bong Naturalist Association.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:

Dan J. Akub
Bureau Director,

4-12-10
Date

Jamie Stunder
Administrator,

4/19/10
Date

Matt Frank
Secretary, Matt Frank

5-3-10
Date

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its May 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$40,000 from

Bong Naturalist Association

Funds will be used for habitat work and for the replacement of a water control structure to improve conditions on the wildlife refuge at Richard Bong State Recreation Area. Your contribution will preserve unique and threatened wetland wildlife as well as provide wildlife viewing and educational opportunities to the public.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIR